

PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Ralf LERNER	)	
Appln. No.	:	10/552,984	)	Group Art Unit 1763
Docket No.	:	P28504	)	Examiner William D. Coleman
Customer No.	:	07055	)	Confirmation No. 2111
Filed	:	September 25, 2006	)	
Title	:	TEST STRUCTURE FOR ELECTRICALLY VERIFYING THE DEPTHS OF TRENCH- ETCHINGS IN AN SOI WAFER, AND ASSOCIATED WORKING METHODS	)	

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114(c)  
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination (RCE), pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114. This information disclosure statement is being filed as a submission under 37 CFR §1.114(c), i.e., as part of the RCE. Payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(e) is also being made herewith.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his consideration.

The documents cited below are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being pertinent for having been cited in an international search report and an international patentability report for PCT/DE2004/000815, of which the instant application is the U.S. national stage, English language copies of the search report and examination report being attached. The concise explanation of relevance of the documents required by 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3)(i) includes that provided in the reports:

US 6 306 755 B1 (Tammy ZHENG), issued October 23, 2001;

US 2002/088769 A1 (Robert ANTAKI et al.), published July 11, 2002;

US 6 770 213 B2 (Robert ANTAKI et al.), issued August 3, 2004 (issued from the  
aforementioned US 2002/00887769 A1);

US 6 403 389 B1 (Keh-Jeng CHANG et al.), issued June 11, 2002.

In addition to the aforementioned documents cited in the PCT search report, the following  
documents are brought to the attention of the Examiner:

US 6 057 171 A (Shih-tsun Alexander CHOU et al.), issued May 2, 2000;

US 6 071 822 A (John F. DONOHUE et al.), issued June 6, 2000;

US 6 127 237 A (Masakatsu TSUCHIAKI), issued October 3, 2000;

US 6 275 297 B1 (Piotr S. ZALICKI et al.), issued August 14, 2001;

US 6 291 254 B1 (Shih-tsun Alexander CHOU et al.), issued September 18, 2001;

US 6 312 963 B1 (Shih-tsun Alexander CHOU et al.), issued November 6, 2001;

US 6 342 401 B1 (Dennis W. TOM), issued January 29, 2002;

US 6 396 076 B1 (Dennis W. TOM), issued May 28, 2002;

EP 1 184 902 A1 (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.),  
published March 6, 2002;

US 6 849 521 B2 (Koji ARITA et al.), issued February 1, 2005 (family member of  
EP 1 184 902 A1);

EP 1 220 312 A1 (STMicroelectronics S.r.l.), published July 3, 2002;

US 2002/0146867 A1 (Leonardi SALVATORE), published October 10, 2002  
(family member of EP 1 220 312 A1).

A copy of each above-referenced non-U.S. documents is attached. In addition, each above-  
referenced document is listed on the attached PTO/SB/08a form to permit the Examiner to indicate  
his consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such  
consideration by appropriately initialing the listings on the form and returning a copy of the initialed  
form to Applicant.

### Allowed Claims

Claims 20-46 are currently pending and were identified as allowed in the Notice of Allowability (form PTOL-37) that accompanied the Notice of Allowance (form PTOL-85), issued on February 11, 2009.

Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner, however, that the Index of Claims form, which also accompanied the Notice of Allowance, appears to identify claim 20 as both canceled and renumbered as final claim 1.

Consideration of the information disclosure statement and the re-allowance of claims 20-46 are kindly requested.

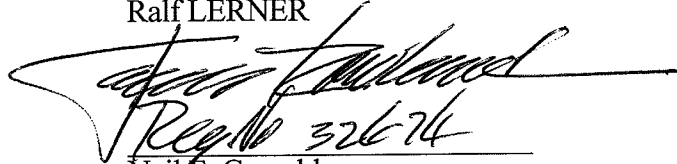
### CONCLUSION

Allowance of the instant application is again requested, together with consideration of the documents cited in the information disclosure statement contained herein.

Payment is being made herewith for the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(e) for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). No additional fee is believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required for acceptance of this submission and RCE, including the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e), to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number, fax number, or e-mail address given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil F. Greenblum", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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